

## The Nebraska Natural Legacy Partnership Team requests Innovative Proposals

## **Due April 17th**

## **Legacy Partnership Team Innovative Grants**

The Nebraska Natural Legacy Partnership Team (NLPT) is requesting proposals that will facilitate the expansion of the

Nebraska Natural Legacy Project in any of the 39 Biologically Unique Landscapes. The Natural Legacy Partnership Team has guided development and successful implementation of Natural Legacy Project. The Legacy Partnership Team recognizes the key to wildlife conservation in Nebraska is bringing together landowners, government agencies, and conservation and agricultural organizations in a collaborative manner.

The Natural Legacy Partnership Team will competitively award proposals for **innovative projects**. Project type may be habitat improvement, research, inventory, monitoring, planning or a combination of these types. Projects may include education, but the education component must be no more than 10% of the project. Projects may occur on private or public lands or a combination of both. Projects must be complete by June 1, 2018.

To be eligible, projects must benefit Tier 1 and/or Tier 2 animal species according to the Natural Legacy Project (plant specific projects are not eligible). Projects will be prioritized based on new partnerships, expanding existing partnerships, using creative methods to get the project completed, engaging local communities, amount of match and projects that will take place in Biologically Unique Landscapes.

There is \$240,000 available and proposals have a minimum grant request of \$50,000. A minimum of 35% non-federal match is required. This is a reimbursement program. Funds for the Legacy Partnership Team Innovative Grants are from State Wildlife Grants through the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Proposals need to be submitted to electronically to Melissa Panella Melissa.Panella@nebraska.gov at the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission by April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Please visit <a href="www.NebraskaNaturalLegacy.org">www.NebraskaNaturalLegacy.org</a> for more information and the application form. Contact Kristal Stoner 402-471-5444 or Melissa Panella 402-471-5708 at the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission with any questions.

Online document by chapter:

http://www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov/wildlife/programs/legacy/Natural\_legacy\_document.asp

Tier 1 species list:

http://www.outdoornebraska.ne.gov/wildlife/programs/legacy/pdfs/Tier%20I%20List.pdf